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Sir:

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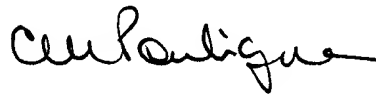
These references were cited in the International Search Reports of related applications. No further elaboration is believed necessary. Copies of the search report and references cited are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is believed necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0436.

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